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SUBJECT: CONSULAR ROLE WITH SCREENING

REF: MEXICO 15754

1. JUSTICE SURVEY TEAM INTERVIEWED NINE AMERICAN PRISONERS DURING TWO DAY VISIT TO MUNICIPAL PENITENTIARY, CIUDAD JUAREZ. CONSULAR OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED TEAM IMPRESSED WITH THOROUGHNESS OF INTERVIEWS AND TIME DEVOTED TO ANSWERING PRISONERS' INQUIRIES ABOUT TREATY.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE INEVITABLE QUESTION AS TO WHEN THE TRANSFER WOULD TAKE PLACE, PRIMARY CONCERN OF PRISONERS SEEMED TO BE HOW SENTENCE COMPUTATION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN UNITED STATES, AND HOW LONG THEY WOULD BE UNDER SUPERVISION OF PAROLE COMMISSION.

3. INTREVIEWS TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED BECAUSE TWO OF THE PRISONERS SPOKE VERY LITTLE ENGLISH, AND TOO MUCH TIME HAD TO BE DEVOTED TO TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION. TEAM FOUND THAT INTERVIEWS TOOK LONGER HERE THAN IN MEXICO CITY, BECAUSE OF DIFFERING EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS OF PRISONERS.

4. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE. TEAM ANNOYED,  
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HOWEVER, BY LOCAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO TOOK PICTURES OF INTERVIEWS WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION OF TEAM. CONSULATE GENERAL RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT TREATY FROM NEWS MEDIA IN THE UNITED STATES DURING TEAM VISIT.

5. ALTHOUGH INTERVIEWS WERE PERFORCE LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED. TEAM SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS AND PLEASED

WITH THE COOPERATION THEY RECEIVED FROM PRISON AUTHORITIES.

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